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SUBJECT: TARIFF CONCESSIONS: GREEK REQUEST FOR RELIEF ON ASP  
DUTY FOR FOOTWEAR

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY EVER HAS WRITTEN THE EMBASSY REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION FROM THE AMERICAN SELLING PRICE (ASP) DUTY FOR FOOTWEAR FROM GREECE. WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE MINISTER'S LETTER AND REQUEST WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE CAN SAY. IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE SENDING AN INTERIM RESPONSE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE LETTER AND ASSURING THE MINISTER THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF HIS REQUEST. THE TEXT OF THE MINISTER'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE AS YOU MAY BE AWARE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED A DUTY ON FOOTWEAR INCLUDED IN THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE U.S. (TSUS) PARA. 700.60 BASED ON THE AMERICAN SELLING PRICE (ASP). INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY IS FOOTWEAR MADE OF TEXTILE, ROPE OR KNITTED UPPERS AND RUBBER SOLES.

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THE PERCENTAGE OF GREEK FOOTWEAR (INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TSUS PARA.) IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IS SO INSIGNIFICANT THAT OUR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF THE ASP DUTY ON IMPORTED FOOTWEAR WILL NEITHER AFFECT LOCAL PRICES NOR YOUR COUNTRY'S REVENUES DERIVED FROM TARIFFS.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF TRADE RELATIONS

BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES OFTER IS HELPED BY SMALL CONCESSIONS  
LIKE THE ABOVE WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHERING THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN  
AND GREEK PEOPLE. SIMILAR CONCESSIONS HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN EXTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES TO OTHER COUNTIES.

WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION SO THAT  
DURING THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS THE U.S. TRADE MISSION  
WILL INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA THE TERMINATION OF ASP ON  
IMPORTS OF GREEK FOOTWEAR COVERED BY TSUS PARA. 700.60.  
SIGNED, THE MINISTER MILT. EVERT UNQUOTE  
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